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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM

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SUBJECT

Publishers' Inquiries Regarding

Journalist/"Spy" Situation

In the past three months, we have had journalist/spy inquiries from three major newspapers, two networks, one press association and the National News Council.

The newspapers were the Washington Post, Washington Star and the New York Times. The networks were ABC and Mutual. UPI posed a query as did the National News Council which describes itself as an independent organization established in 1973 to consider complaints from the public concerning the accuracy and fairness of national news reporting and to examine possible infringements of freedom of the press.

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